

Arguments/Remarks

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2007. Reconsideration of the application in light of the accompanying remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

In the aforesaid Office Action, the Examiner rejected each of independent claims 13 and 21 as independently anticipated by each of Murphy and Treu.

By the present amendment, each of claims 13 and 21 has been amended to clearly call for a plunger for pressurizing the inner space. Neither of Murphy nor Treu discloses such subject matter. Note that the syringe of Treu is disclosed as being merely for sample collection.

Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that each of claims 13 and 21, and the claims which depend from claims 13 and 21, are allowable over the art of record.

An earnest and thorough effort has been made to respond to all issues raised in the aforesaid Office Action. If, upon considering this response, the Examiner is of the opinion that issues remain which might be addressed by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss and resolve same.

This paper is accompanied by authorization of a deposit account to pay a fee for an extension of time. It is believed that no additional fee is due. If any such fee or fee deficiency is due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

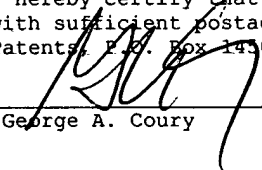
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